



# Minutes of the NOAA Small Boat Safety Board Meeting February 9, 2007 Via Teleconference



Minutes of Small Boat Safety Board (SBSB) Meeting via Teleconference

Date: Thursday, February 9th, 2007

Time: 08.30 – 09.30 (PT)

Board members present:

- Mark Miller (Small Boat Safety Program Coordinator)
- Dennis Thaute, OLE
- Wayne Hoggard, NMFS (SE Region)
- Dennis Donahue, OAR
- Chad Yoshinaga, NMFS (PI Region)
- John Humphrey, OMAO
- Jack Burkes, OMAO (Fleet Inspectors)
- Craig Gillis, SECO

Board members absent:

- Dana Wilkes, NOS

Subject Matter Experts:

- None for this meeting

Contractors present:

- Nico Corbijn, BMT Designers & Planners, Inc. PM
- Rich Softye, BMT Designers and Planners, Inc. (Newly assigned PM)

Agenda Items discussed:

1. Lt. G. Mark Miller discussed the PFD Policy and the issues surrounding the USCG wanting boat personnel to wear a "Mustang Type" dry suit. As long as NOAA allows personnel to wear Mustang Suits, the USCG will accept the NOAA PFD Policy.

2. Lt. G. Mark Miller reviewed the NOAA Small Boat Safety Board identification of the following as certification accepted for conducting Small Boat Examinations (SBEX) as described in the NOAA Small Boat Inspection Policy dated December 22, 2006:

1. Society of Accredited Marine Surveyors (SAMS®)
2. National Association of Marine Surveyors (NAMS)
3. USCG Marine Inspectors (This does NOT include the CG Auxiliary or US Power Squadron free Vessel Safety Checks)
4. OEM certified technician providing service as a manufacturer representative or inspector (e.g. Hull Mfr. representative, Engine Mfr. representative)

5. Others to be reviewed on a case-by-case basis and approved by the Small Boat Safety Board. The following was identified as the process for "others to be reviewed on a case-by-case basis:

1. American Boating and Yachting Council Certificate. This training consists of completion of a 2 week qualification course that costs approximately \$600.
2. Presentation of a resume to the SBSB.



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3. Requirement to have at least 5 years of professional technical experience with small boats.
  4. The above information will need to be submitted to the SBSB.
  5. After review, the SBSB will send a letter of qualification to the applicant. It is estimated that approximately 10 to 20 individuals will be authorized in this manner.
3. The upcoming SBSB meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii is planned for February 26 through March 2. Attendees were encouraged to make arrangements as soon as possible yet refundable airline tickets were advised. Monday and Tuesday will consist of a quick review of sections 1 through 6 of the SBSP which have been thoroughly reviewed in previous meetings. Sections 7 through 17 will need in-depth review. Wednesday and Thursday will consist of surf boat training. Friday will wrap-up all discussions to have a completed SMSP document draft.
4. Lt. G. Mark Miller reported that he had no updates on the budget as reported at the last SBSB meeting.
5. Lt. G. Mark Miller reported on the status of some miscellaneous subjects:
1. All were advised to review the small boat website.
  2. Plan of Action and Milestones (POA&M) will need to be discussed in Hawaii.
6. No decision was made on the date for the next SBSB meeting. A date will be announced
7. Note from Rich Softye: Please excuse the tardiness of these meeting notes as they were delayed due to the transition of duties from Nico Corbijn to myself. We all wish Nico the best in his new job as Senior Vice President at Majestic Cruise Lines.